

APPROPRIATION FOR PROVING GROUND, SANDY HOOK,
NEW JERSEY.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR
SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR PROVING
GROUND, SANDY HOOK.

JANUARY 14, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 13, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of the 11th instant, submitting a supplemental estimate of appropriations for Proving Ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, \$61,000.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 11, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress a supplemental estimate (\$61,000) of appropriation for "Proving Ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey," required by the War Department for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, by the Ordnance Department, United States Army.

Proving ground, Sandy Hook, New Jersey—

Storehouse (submitted) \$8,000

NOTE.—To be a fireproof brick building 100 feet by 40 feet, with the necessary landing stages and platforms for the delivery of heavy material to and from the railroad cars. This storehouse is to replace the wooden one now used and which must be torn down to make room for the "parade" of Battery Halleck and which is rapidly being destroyed by reason of the heavy blasts from the guns in that battery. (*William Crozier, Brigadier-General, Chief of Ordnance.*)

Barracks for enlisted men (submitted) 40,000

NOTE.—Some better accommodation for the enlisted men at Sandy Hook proving ground has now become imperative. The present barracks were constructed for a detachment of about half the present force. The men are accordingly overcrowded, and the conditions are sanitarily unsatisfactory. The construction of new barracks will not cause the present building to be abandoned, as such a building is essential for quartering the civil employees who must be retained on the reservation, such as the locomotive engineer and fireman, the steam fitters, engineers, etc. These men now occupy the loft over the store shed, and, as this building must be removed, provision will need to be made for quartering them. (*William Crozier, Brigadier-General, Chief of Ordnance.*)

Additional for adding wing to the brick house for accommodation of officers temporarily at the proving ground (submitted) 3,000

NOTE.—Referring to the estimates now before Congress, see page 242, Book of Estimates. There is an item of \$8,000 for this same purpose, but the commanding officer of the Sandy Hook proving ground reports that recent investigation shows that the amount asked for will not be sufficient to make the additions contemplated and that it should be increased \$3,000, making the total amount to be appropriated for this purpose \$11,000. (*William Crozier, Brigadier-General, Chief of Ordnance.*)

Enlarging and furnishing the office and instrument house at Sandy Hook proving ground (submitted) 10,000

Total 61,000

NOTE.—With the assignment of two artillery officers to duty at the proving ground, the office of the building is now overcrowded, and with the further increase of officers contemplated it will be absolutely essential that the office be enlarged. This enlargement will permit of the enlarging of the instrument and tracing room and equipping a drafting room for the use of the officers during the course of instruction to be established at the proving ground. The estimated cost of this addition is \$10,000. (*William Crozier, Brigadier-General Chief of Ordnance.*)